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Begay amendment strengthens relationship between new DCS and Arizona's tribal communities

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX - Senator Carlyle W. Begay released the following statement on the creation of the Department of Child Safety:

"Today's historic action by the Legislature and Governor Brewer begins the important work of creating an agency that will protect Arizona children and keep families together," said Sen. Begay.

"Included in this action is my amendment to strengthen relationships between the new department and Arizona's tribal communities by adding a tribal representative to the Child Safety Oversight Committee and ensuring compliance with the federal Indian Child Welfare Act.

"With the adoption of my amendment, we are ensuring the new Department of Child Safety protects children across our state by including our tribal communities when decisions are made that affect Arizona's children and families."

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